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[redacted] six-page report on the coal combine in Inta (N 66-03, E 60-05). The report gives the annual production as being 3.5 to 4 million t of coal, with the target for 1956 being increased to five million t. The report also provides information on administration, personalities, number of pits, equipment, and employment.

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1. Inta is a mining town of approximately 50,000 inhabitants in the Komi ASSR. Its coal pits are subordinate to the administration of the Inta Coal Combine (Kombinat Inta Ugol), located in a three story building at No. 3 or 5 Ulitsa Kirova, in the first municipal rayon of the town. Because most of the miners were prisoners, the combine was subordinate to the Ministry of Internal Affairs until 1954, when its jurisdiction was transferred to the federal Ministry of Coal. At the same time more than fifty percent of the prisoners were released, either as a result of the amnesty following Stalin's death, or because they were victims of the mass deportation of 1944 and their sentences had expired. The ex-convicts, however, were classified as silni-spets-pereselentsi, and, as such, were forbidden to leave Inta.

2. The management of the Kombinat is composed of the following:

a. Director (Nachalnik Kombinata);

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- b. First deputy director in charge of personnel and supply matters;
- c. Second deputy director in charge of workers' housing;
- d. Chief engineer, as technical mine manager;
- e. First deputy chief engineer in charge of mining machinery maintenance and supply executive on behalf of the first deputy director;
- f. Second deputy chief engineer in charge of productivity questions;
- g. Chief mechanic, in charge of practical maintenance of machinery, with the aid of a staff of three engineers and a secretary;
- h. Chief electrician (Glavniy Energetik) in charge of the power station and current supply to the pits.

3. The administration of the Kombinat comprises the following departments:

- a. Planning (Planoviy Otdel);
- b. Technical control (Otdel Tekhnicheskovo Kontrola);
- c. Pit construction (Proektniy Otdel);
- d. Norms and wages (Otdel Normirovania I Zaplati);
- e. Technical supplies (Otdel Tekhnicheskovo Snabzhenia);
- f. Sanitation (Sanitarniy Otdel);
- g. Accident prevention (Otdel Gosinshektsyi);
- h. Aid to victims of work accidents (Otdel Gorno Spasatelniy);
- i. Fire fighting (Otdel Pozharnaya Voennizirovana Okhrana);

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- j. Construction of workers' housing (Otdel Zhilstroyitelstva);
- k. Maintenance of workers' housing (Kommunalniy Otdel);
- l. Supply of mining timber (Lesnoy Otdel).

4. The central administration supervises the activities of nine pits located throughout the town, each of which has the identical departments of the main office; the departmental heads under the pit manager (Nachalnik Shakhta) maintain continuous contact with their counterparts at the Kombinat. The pits are located as follows:

- a. No. 1- Perviy Gorniy Rayon;
- b. No. 2 - Perviy Gorniy Rayon, adjacent to the above-mentioned;
- c. No. 4 - Vtoroy Rayon;
- d. No. 5 - Vtoroy Rayon, adjacent to the above-mentioned;
- e. No. 9 - Vtoroy Rayon, situated at some distance from the above-mentioned;
- f. No. 10 - Vtoroy Rayon, near Nos. 4 and 5;
- g. No. 11 - Zapadniy Posiolok Rayon;
- h. No. 12 - Zapadniy Posiolok Rayon;
- i. No. 13 - Vtoroy Rayon, at some distance from Nos. 4, 5, and 9;
- j. No. 15 - at present under construction at the 15-IY Shakht Rayon.

The deposits of pits Nos. 3,6,7, and 8 were exhausted by 1951, while Nos. 11 and 12 were opened in 1954. In addition to pit No. 15, which is at present under construction, further expansion is projected for the near future.

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5. The Kombinat supervises almost 50,000 persons, including the administrative staff, miners, and above-ground workers, as well as employees indirectly connected to the mining industry, such as workers of cement factories catering for the requirements of the pits and for workers' housing power stations. Of this total some 40,000 were prisoners and the rest ex-convicts with the status of Spets Pereselentsi in 1954, but since then this ratio has been reversed, increasing the number of people in the latter category to 35,000, while the maximum number of prisoners is 15,000.

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6. Mechanization of mining processes, which was started methodically in 1951, was noticeably stepped up in 1954-1955 and was considered accomplished by the beginning of 1956. The following types of machinery are known to be in use at the Inta mines:

- a. Coal cutters of the types Donbas No. 1 and P.K. No. 2-M, both products of the Machine Plant "Kirova" in Gorlovaka (Gorlovskiy Mashin Zavod Im. Kirova), in the Donbas;
- b. Cutter loaders (Ugle-Pogruzochnaya Mashina K.M.P.-1), this machine cuts coal by means of two jibs and loads it onto a moving belt, from which it is transferred either to trucks or to the so-called Transportior, a power loader with feeder troughs mounted onto a conveyor belt (types S.T.R.-30 and S.K.R.11, manufactured by the Kharkov Tractor Plant in Kharkov and Anzherskaya; type R.T.U.-30 from the "Voroshilov"

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Machine Plant in Aleksandrovsk; type S-153 from the Porodo Pogruzochnaya Mashina).

7. The Inta pits produce stone coal (Kaminniy Ugol) which resembles that mined in Vorkuta, but ^{is} even worse in quality, with a slag formation amounting to 50 percent. The entire output of Inta is shipped to Leningrad, where it is used for factory furnaces and, to a lesser extent, as locomotive and power station fuel, being unsuitable for foundry purposes.

8. Annual production of the Inta pits totals from 3.5 to 4 million tons of coal. With the impending opening of shaft No. 15, which is expected to furnish 1 million tons, the Ministry increased the plan target for 1956 to 5 million tons.

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9. Each of the Inta pits is equipped with a bunker, a warehouse for the storage of coal. The material is transported there by means of a conveyor belt, to both sides of which women workers are seated to screen the coal. The bunkers are built in such a way as to allow for the entrance of trucks, which are loaded inside directly from above.

10. Construction of an additional thermal power station for the Inta mines, begun in 1953, was not completed by autumn 1956. Two turbines for the new plant have already arrived from Czechoslovakia, the last shipment having reached Inta in January or February 1956 in 20 railway trucks.

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11. The following personalities are known:

a. Aleksey Vasilevich Kitayev, [redacted] heads the technical supply department of the Kombinat.

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b. Shaleyev, fnu, [redacted] an electrical engineer, is the chief mechanic.

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c. Shtivelman, fnu, [redacted] is the manager of No. 9 pit.

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c. Tur, fnu, [redacted] heads the norms and wages department.

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e. Major Zhukov, fnu, [redacted] is the director general of the Kombinat.

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